

Agenda
Charter Review Commission
Regional Committees Workgroup Meeting #2
Thursday, February 21, 2008
Chinook Building – Room 121-123
5:30 pm-7:30 pm
Co-Facilitators: Gary Long and Mike Wilkins

PROPOSED AGENDA

Issues affecting County and cities only:

- 1) Reduce the number of County Council members who serve on committees from 6 to 3 without affecting the 50/50 balance in voting power. This could be achieved by
 - a) Giving each K.C. Council member 2 and leave the suburban city fractional voting formula the same; or
 - b) leaving the County Council votes at 1 for each of the 3 members and altering the city vote split formula to allow 1/4 votes instead of 1/2 votes.
- 2) Provide for co-chairs of the three committees, one appointed by County Council and one selected by the non-County members of the committee.
- 3) Provide for committees to set their own work programs to address issues within the charter purview of the committees (i.e., regional plans or policies).
- 4) Allow committees to “initiate legislation” by simple majority vote, motions and ordinances, including legislation on issues not assigned to the committee by the County Council.
- 5) Require County Council to vote (up, down or to re-refer to committee with explanation of reasons) on all proposed motions and ordinances sent by committees.
- 6) Add to list of possible regional policy issues recited in present language, "urban annexation and incorporation transition policies" or similar language as recommended by CRC rural sub-committee.

Issues affecting cities only:

- 7) Whether to change city voting formula to deal with Bellevue and possibly other large suburban cities in a way which doesn't affect 50/50 voting balance between County members and other members.

Issues affecting other entities:

- 8) Whether to add language to allow for addition of tribal representation. Gary Long and Mike Wilkins concluded there is insufficient support for such a change and plan to recommend to their sub-committee no further consideration of such a change.
- 9) Whether to add language expressly empowering the County Council, by ordinance, to: a) add non-voting representation to the Water Quality Committee for areas served by K.C. sewage treatment services under contracts but outside King County's boundaries; b) add make rules requiring that King County sewer district representatives come from district which are served by K.C. sewage treatment. This approach would not obligate the County Council to make any changes but would make clear they are empowered to do so. It would not allow for any change that would alter the current voting balance among County, city and sewer districts.